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SUBJECT: RABIN: ISRAEL WILL DEAL WITH JORDANIAN/WEST BANK DELEGATION AT GENEVA

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- 1. BEGIN UNCLAS: IN TWO SEPARATE INTERVIEWS THIS
 WEEK PRIMIN RABIN HAS ADDRESSED POSSIBILITY OF PALESTINIAN
 REPRESENTATION WITHIN JORDANIAN DELEGATION AT RECONVENED
 GENEVA CONFERENCE IN MANNER INDICATING POSSIBLE SHIFT
 IN ISRAELI PUBLIC POSITION ON THIS QUESTION.
- 2. IN CBS INTERVIEW AIRED JAN. 12, RABIN SAID (GOI PRESS BULLETIN VERSION), "IT MIGHT BE THAT JORDAN WOULD ADD TO ITSELF CERTAIN PALESTINIANS WHO LIVE IN THE AREAS WHOSE FUTURE IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED." ON JAN. 13 HE TOLD AN ISRAEL BONDS CONFERENCE THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE CAN BE WORKED OUT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND "CERTAIN PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE

(ADMINISTERED) AREAS." END UNCLAS.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: ISRAELI PUBLIC POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS USUALLY BEEN ARTICULVATED SOMEWHAT MORE VAGUELY, STRESSING THAT COMPOSITION OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION WAS MATTER FOR JORDAN TO DECIDE AND SEEMING TO LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN/PLO REPRESENTATION THEREIN.

RECENT JORDANIAN/SYRIAN RAPPROCHEMENT AND SOVIET
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN FAVOR OF JOINT JORDANIAN/PLO
DELEGATION, HOWEVER, HAVE APPARENTLY COMBINED WITH
ATTRACTION OF GENEVA AS OPPOSED TO SECURITY COUNCIL
FORUM TO PROMPT RE-EVALUATION OF ISRAELI POLICY IN
THIS REGARD. PRESENTATION OF ISRAELI POSITION IS NOW MORE PRECISE.
AS WITH HIS NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR INTERVIEW (REFTEL),
RABIN IS UNDERLINING THE GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO,
NOT TRYING TO NARROW IT. AT SAME TIME, IN ALL THESE
FORMULATIONS, ADDITIONAL ISRAELI OBJECTIVE SEEMS TO BE
NOT SO MUCH TO TRY TO GET NEGOTIATIONS GOING AS TO IMPRESS
ON US AND EUROPE THAT ARABS--AND NOT ISRAEL--ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING IMPASSE.

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